



## The Spirit of Christmas

They tell me that a Cynic said,  
 "The old pest Santa Claus is dead,  
 And high time too," said he,

And while I paused to shed a tear,  
 A whirl of sound came to my ear,  
 A sound that seemed to be

Waking the snow-clad earth to jollity,  
 Calling from town to town, from sea to sea,  
 The clang, clang, clang of bells all ringing merrily,  
 And there were voices too,

Of happy children singing everywhere,  
 Until their tingling note, that knows no care,  
 Filled every crevice in the wintry air,  
 And greetings that I knew—

"God rest you merry" and "Noel, Noel",  
 And jumbled hundreds more. They seemed to tell  
 That Christmas lived indeed and all was well.

Something goes galloping through the star-filled night;  
 Hark to the sleighbells; see the flashing light;  
 We feel him as he passes out of sight;  
 Our lips are singing too, our hearts grow bright.

And yet, I hear the Cynic said,  
 "That old pest, Santa Claus, is dead."

FRED JACOB.

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